रेल मन्त्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज) . (क) जी हां । अलवर के निकट अप्रत्याशित दुर्घटना की प्रतिक्रिया स्वरूप जयपुर में शंटिंग की कठिनाइयों के कारण गाड़ी विलम्ब से छूटी ।

(ख) प्रतिदिन गाड़ियों के चलने से पूर्व सवारी डिब्बों की सफाई की जाती है । मीटर लाइन की सवारी गाड़ियों में जो प्रत्येक स्टेशन पर रुकती हैं, पीने का पानी रखने की व्यवस्था नहीं है । मेल/एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों को जहां तक व्यावहारिक है, डीजल रेल इंजनों से चलाया जा रहा है ।

Central schemes to promote inter.caste marriages

3598. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Central schemes to promote inter-caste and inter-religions marriages in the country;

(b) what is the actual performance of said schemes;

(c) the expenditure incurred year-wise for such schemes during the last 3 years;

(d) whether Government propose to extend concessions given to backward and scheduled classes and tribes to the children of inter-caste and inter-religions married couples irrespective of the caste status of one of the spouses; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons there for ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) There is no separate Central Scheme to promote inter-caste and inter-religious marriages. However, at State level some States *viz.,* Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala etc. have schemes for promoting such types of marriages.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Delegation of powers to SC/ST Commission for prosecuting SC/ST

3599. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of atrocities against the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes can be prosecuted by Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, what are the statutory provisions thereof;

(c) if reply to (b) in negative, what steps have been taken by Centre Government for free, fair and independent prosecution of cases of atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes minimising the influence of local authorities;

(d) whether Government would consider to delegate power of prosecution of cases of atrocities against the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to ensure free, fair and independent prosecution of cases of atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(e) if reply to (d) be in affirmative, in what manner and by what time such power would be delegated to the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of atrocities) Act, 1989, which has come into force with effect from 30-1-1990, identifies various types of offences of atrocities, provides for effective machinery to quickly deal with such cases, such as specifying Special Courts and appointing Special Public Prosecutors and provides for stringent punishments to persons committing atrocities, including punishments to public servants who neglect their duties. The State Governments have been advised to establish exclusive Special Courts, as far as necessary and to ensure speedy conduct of trial of the offences under this Act. The Prime

Minister had also written a letter on 19-6-90 to all the Chief Ministers, indicating the specific steps that are to be taken to check atrocities and to enforce the Act effectively.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The question does not arise.

Pending projects of new lines/gauge conversions

3600. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many railway projects of new line, gauge conversion are pending at the end of the Seventh Plan;

(b) what was their completion target for each of above projects;

(c) the reasons for delay in their execution; and

(d) whether Government is program ming to their early completion ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) 27 New Lines and 9 Gauge Conversion projects were pending at the end of VII Plan.

(b) Target for commissioning during 1990-91 was laid only for following pro jects :

New Lines

(i) Koraput-Rayagada	31-3-91.
(ii) Adilabad-Pimpalkutti	31-3-91.
(iii) Kota-Chittaurgarh-Neemuch	31-10-90.
(iv) Lalabazar-Bhairabi	31-12-90.

Gauge Conversions

(i) Guntur-Macherla 1-5-90. (ii) Varanasi-Bhatni 31-7-90.

(c) and (d) The progress has been com mensurate with the availability of resources. The completion can only be planned within the resources allotted.

दिल्ली से केन्द्रीय सरकार के कार्यालयों को स्थानांतरित किया जाना

3601. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल** : क्या **शहरी विकास** मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने दिल्ली से कुछ सरकारी कार्यालयों को देश के अन्य शहरों में स्थानान्तरित करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने कार्यालयों को स्थानान्तरित किया गया है और उन्हें किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थानान्तरित किया गया है और शेष कार्यालयों को कब तक स्थानान्तरित किए जाने का विचार है और उन्हें किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थानान्तरित किए जाने की संभावना है;

(ग) क्या चालू वर्ष में यह निर्णय भी लिया गया है कि दिल्ली में कोई नया कार्यालय नहीं खोला जाएगा, यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार दिल्ली में भीड़ को कम करने के उद्देश्य से कुछ अन्य उपायों पर भी विचार कर रही है; यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मन्त्री (श्री मुरसोली मारन) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

(ग) 1957 में यह निर्णय लिया गया था कि केन्द्रीय सरकार अथवा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों अथवा केन्द्रीय सरकार के स्वामित्व अथवा नियन्त्रणाधीन सांविधिक अथवा निगमित निकायों के किसी भी नए कार्यालय को आवास संबंधी मंत्रिमण्डल समिति की पूर्व स्वीकृति प्राप्त किए बगैर दिल्ली में स्थापित नहीं किया जाए अथवा बाहर से दिल्ली में नहीं लाया जाए । चालू वर्ष में कोई नया निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है तथा इस बारे में पिछले आदेशों का अनुसरण किया जा रहा है ।

(घ) यद्यपि, सन् 2000 तक दिल्ली की जनसंख्या को 112 लाख तक नियंत्रित